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## Al Hamdi arrives in Paris

PARIS, July 4 (R). — President Ibrahim Al Hamdi of the Yemen Arab Republic (North Yemen) arrived here today on a three-day official visit to France and talks on the security of the Red Sea and the oil routes to the Indian Ocean. He was greeted at Orly Airport by President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing with full military honours. The two leaders then flew into Paris by helicopter to begin the first of a series of talks including closer political, economic and military cooperation. President Hamdi, who is commander-in-chief of the Yemeni armed forces, is seeking France's assistance in the construction of a naval base and a military telecommunications network.

## Sadat ready to go to Geneva even before October

CAIRO, July 4 (AFP). — Egypt is ready to resume talks in Geneva on a Middle East settlement in October or "even before that date", President Anwar Sadat said in a radio interview broadcast here today. The interview was recorded in Libreville, Gabon, where President Sadat had attended the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit, just before the Egyptian president left for a visit to Morocco. Mr. Sadat expressed satisfaction at a proposal from Israeli premier Menachem Begin that the Geneva peace talks should be reconvened in Geneva in October.

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## King Hussein: Jordan not receiving Arab funds for arms needs

AIRO, July 4 (JT). — Jordan's arms purchases programme has a snag due to the lack of finance, His Majesty King Hussein said in an interview published by an Egyptian weekly today. The King told Al Siyasi that Jordan has been forced to cancel some arms deals due to a lack of response from well-to-do Arab states which had originally volunteered to cover the cost of the arms required for Jordan to meet its defence needs. Jordan has been in contact with arms factories to negotiate deals for which other Arab states had agreed to provide funds; but when these were later contacted about payment they failed to respond, King Hussein added. "We are not asking for weapons similar to those obtained from Israel, but we are merely asking for the minimum which will enable us to stand fast against Israel," the King said. King Hussein added that he did not want to be critical of Arab brethren, but to extend that Arab defence tariffs had been met would be to deceive ourselves and our people as well. "I believe you agree with me at this phase of self-defence must end," the King went



Girl scouts parade before the royal dais during the festivities organised by the Zarqa district, Monday, to celebrate His Majesty King Hussein's silver jubilee. (JNA photo).

## King Hussein opens ceramics factory for Zarqa festivities

ZARQA (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein opened the ceramics factory near here Monday as part of Zarqa district's festivities for his silver jubilee. His Majesty was welcomed on his arrival here at noon by scores of citizens, who flocked to the Royal Artillery Corps playing field. The celebration included a sports festival, a parade by schoolboys making up the Jordanian flag and a procession of cars adorned with products from factories in the area. Representatives of various clubs, professions and societies passed in front of the royal dais carrying banners and placards. The Zarqa festivities started here early Monday morning with a popular procession from Zarqa Secondary School, which passed through the decorated streets of the city. His Majesty was accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sbaraf, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt-Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker, Minister of Court Amer Khammash, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zeid, Cabinet members and Zarqa municipal officials.

## As heavy fire soaks vital leftist village Rightists prepare new thrust in southern Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon, July 4 (Agencies). — Rightwing artillery today pounded a strategic border village in apparent preparation for a thrust on the most important leftist-Palestinian stronghold in Lebanon's extreme south, reliable sources said here today. They said the rightwingers were pouring heavy artillery and mortar fire into Maroun Al Ras, a hamlet between the leftist-controlled market town of Bint Jbeil and the sensitive border with Israel. Maroun Al Ras is about 2 kms. south east of Bint Jbeil and roughly the same distance from Israel, which is backing the Lebanese right in its battle against Palestinian commandos and their leftist Lebanese allies. Although Palestinian and leftist fighters based in Bint Jbeil have been moving into and out

of Maroun Al Ras, the village has not served as a stronghold. Its capture would give the rightists access to the north-south road running from Bint Jbeil into an embattled rightwing enclave farther north. The sources said the artillery barrage followed the entry of rightist forces into nearby Yaroun, hitherto a demilitarised village. The rightwing initiative came against the background of indications that the antagonists in war-torn southern Lebanon were preparing for a round of all-out fighting to change front lines which have remained almost static since a leftist-Palestinian offensive last April. Travellers from the combat zone arriving in this southern port reported that artillery exchanges continued around the village of Yarin, west of Maroun Al Ras. Yarin, only 1,200 metres from the coiled barbed wire fence which forms the border with Israel, was stormed by rightists last Saturday but recaptured by the Palestinians in savage fighting the same day. At least 20 people were reported killed in the battle. Farther north, gunners in the rightwing enclave which has been cut off from supplies through Lebanese territory for more than three months, today exchanged shell fire with leftist-Palestinian forces, the travellers said. The duels followed a day of calm on the front between the enclave and Palestinian positions to the east and west. According to informed local residents, United Nations officers yesterday arranged for a truce between the warring sides in the area. It was believed to have been the first ceasefire arranged by U.N. observers in southern Lebanon. But it was not clear whether it had been just for the day or was meant to cover a longer period. Travellers said eight people were wounded today by mortar shells falling on the road to Bint Jbeil from Naqoura, Lebanon's southernmost village. Trees and crops were set ablaze by incendiary shells. There was no word on whether the Israelis took part in today's fighting. Israel denied involvement in last Saturday's assault on Yarin, but its gunners frequently back up rightwing batteries and cover

ground action with artillery fire. Artillery fire was reported from the Mount Hermon region, some 30 kms. north-east of Bint Jbeil and Israeli helicopters were said to be flying over the area to help artillery teams concentrate their fire. Meanwhile President Elias Sarkis met the Soviet Ambassador in Beirut Alexander Solodov, for an hour today. Mr. Solodov said afterwards that they discussed the situation in Lebanon and the Middle East as a whole. Explosion in east Beirut. In Beirut, police sources said yesterday that an explosion damaged an apartment building in the rightwing controlled eastern area of Beirut last night. Slightly injuring 10 people. The blast occurred in an area where bitter clashes erupted between supporters of Lebanon's main rightwing parties on Friday. The building, in the Fum Al Shoubbak district, contains a local office of the National Liberal Party (NLP) of former President Camille Chamoun. NLP supporters clashed on Friday with supporters of the Phalangist Party, Lebanon's biggest rightwing organisation. Friday's fighting, which involved the use of machine guns and light weapons, left two people killed and eight wounded. Last night's explosion shattered windows in the building and destroyed a number of parked cars.

## Polisario Front shells Mauritanian capital

NAKOURT, July 4 (R). — The Mauritanian capital of Nougakott was shelled and machine-gunned last night by guerrillas of the Polisario Front for the dependence of Western Sahara, a diplomatic source in Nougakott said. In Nougakott, the Mauritanian Press Agency (AMP) said the Mauritanian civilian was killed in the capital and one was wounded by stray shells in a battle between the Mauritanian army and the "Algerian mercenaries" — the term usually used by Mauritanian forces for the Polisario Front. In Agniers the Polisario Front spokesman said that their forces had inflicted heavy losses during the attack. The front said its fighters had bombarded the barracks of the Mauritanian capital, together with the presidential palace and the city's airport. The front said the attack would not be the last "so long as Mauritania persists in occupying — if only symbolically — the uniest bit of the national territory of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (Western Sahara)". The Polisario Front has been engaging warfare against Mauritania and Morocco since they partitioned the Western Sahara last year. Spain had ceded control of the territory to the two countries. The AMP said the raiders took advantage of darkness to escape after the battle at Nougakott. Mauritania President Moktar Ould Daddah is in Libreville attending the summit conference of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), along with Foreign Minister Hamdi Ould Moukassa, who said the Polisario guerrillas were now being pursued by Mauritanian forces.

## 1 KILLED, 12 INJURED IN DAMASCUS BLAST

DAMASCUS, July 4 (Agencies). — A man was killed when his booby-trapped car exploded in Mabdhi Ibn Baraka Street in central Damascus this afternoon, official Radio Damascus reported. Window panes of Al Sharq Hospital and other nearby buildings crashed down, slightly wounding 12 people. Cars parked in the vicinity were also damaged. The Jordan News Agency reported that documents stating that the car entered Syria through the Iraqi border post at Abu Al Shammat last Tuesday were found on the dead man's body.

## Ultra-religious Egyptian gunmen execute hostage

CAIRO, July 4 (R). — A former Egyptian minister held hostage by extremist Moslem gunmen for two nights has been killed, an anonymous caller claiming to be one of the kidnappers told Reuter tonight. The caller, who sounded the same as the person who has previously called Reuters with statements from the kidnap group, said they had left the body of former Religious Endowments Minister Mohammed Hussein Zahabi in the Cairo suburb of Zeitoun. The caller gave a detailed address of the house where the body was to be found. Interior Ministry officials said they had not been informed of the killing but would immediately check the address. Two deadlines set by the kidnappers for their demands to be met had passed before the telephone call. But after the expiration of the second — at five p.m. today — officials said a fresh limit had been fixed for an unspecified time tomorrow. The first demand by the gunmen was for the release of 60 members of their banned group, the Moslem Society, and compensation of 200,000 Egyptian pounds (same sterling) as compensation for what they termed government "persecution". Then they demanded a plane to take them, with their hostages, to an unidentified destination. Interior Ministry officials said government negotiators agreed in principle to all the demands except the release of the prisoners. But later the officials said the kidnappers had dropped the demand for a plane after the authorities had strengthened their position. They did not explain how the government's bargaining stance had improved. The anonymous caller told Reuters tonight: "The hostage was killed after the second extension to our deadline at five p.m. and the body is waiting for the police in a house number three Sahaia El Liel, which is off Selim Al Awal street in Zeitoun. "The apartment consists of one room and a hall on the top floor of the building and it was rented in a false name." The caller identified himself as a member of the Moslem Society, officially known as the "Al Takfir wal Hijra" or society for the repentance and flight from sin. He said: "Ministry of the Interior officials used under-

## Prince Hassan returns home

AMMAN (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Highness Princess Sarvath Sunday evening returned here from a private visit to Switzerland, the United States and Britain. They were received by His Majesty King Hussein, Princess Alia, Premier Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Hashemite Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf and Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Lt-Gen. Zeid Ibn Shaker, as well as the U.S., Swiss and British ambassadors in Amman. Prince Hassan had addressed the opening session of the International Labour Organisation conference at Geneva on June 10, at the invitation of the conference.

## Bus hijacker kills 1 hostage, injures 2 in New York airport

NEW YORK, July 4 (R). — A gunman cornered in a hijacked bus at Kennedy airport has killed one person, shot and wounded another, and slashed the throat of a third, police said today. There was no immediate word on the condition of the two injured people. But the police said the hijacker was threatening to kill all the five hostages on the bus if an attack was launched against him. They said he was demanding \$6 million and a getaway plane. The bus crashed through security barriers and careered across the airport runways before it came to a halt beside a hangar. FBI agents and police sharpshooters ringed it. The long-distance bus had been carrying about 30 people when it reached the airport. But police said the gunman freed about 25 black passengers and kept only whites as hostages. Police did not know the identity of the hijacker, who was described as hispanic. It was also not immediately known where the bus had come from. Kennedy Airport was closed to air traffic when the bus burst on to the runways. Flights were resumed after it was cornered.

## Khleifawi leaves for Damascus

AMMAN, June 4 (R). — Syria's Prime Minister Abdul Rahman Khleifawi Sunday left here for home after a three-day visit during which he met His Majesty King Hussein and conferred with Prime Minister Mudar Badran. He also presided over the Syrian-Jordanian higher committee on coordination between the two countries and toured development projects in the Jordan Valley.

## Following Ecevit's defeat Demirel asked to form government

ANKARA, July 4 (R). — Turkish President Fahri Koruturk today asked ex-Premier Suleyman Demirel to try to form a government following the defeat of Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit's minority administration in a parliamentary vote of confidence. Mr. Demirel, who led the fight to block Mr. Ecevit yesterday, told reporters as he left the presidential palace that he would start work immediately, and added that it would take at least 10 days to form a new government. Mr. Demirel is expected to try to renew the shaky right-

## At OAU meet African states called upon to settle disputes

LIBREVILLE, July 4 (R). — Nigeria has told the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) that it must find ways of settling disputes between member states. He accused Somalia of training and infiltrating guerrillas "in the hope of annexing one-fifth of Ethiopia" adjoining Djibouti. The Ethiopian and Nigerian leaders urged the summit to step up military assistance to nationalist movements in Southern Africa. The question of aid to the movements is likely to arise soon after about a dozen of the 25 heads of state address the conference today. The summit will consider a report from an OAU ministerial council session in Lome — last February, which raised the possibility of increased OAU backing for the patriotic front in Rhodesia. One of the two leaders of the front, Mr. Robert Mugabe, told a press conference here yesterday that OAU recognition of the front as the liberation movement of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) was "very, very important for us." It would mean all aid would be channelled through the front for its guerrilla war against the white minority of Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith.

## Suarez announces his new government

MADRID, July 4 (AFP). — Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez Gonzalez today announced his new government, Spanish national radio reported. Three deputy-premiers were named as Fernando Abril Martorell (responsible for political affairs), Lt-Gen. Manuel Gutierrez Mellado (defence) and Enrique Fuentes Quintana (economic affairs). New man in the post of "sub-minister" is Enrique Fuentes Quintana, 53, recognised as one of the most brilliant economists in the country. He formerly held the chair of political economy and public finance at Madrid University and administered the Spanish Consolidation of Savings Banks. Mr. Abril Martorell is only 11. He is one of Premier Suarez' closest political friends and

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## The United States would still be British if ...

By Christine Hotchkiss

Everybody knows why Americans celebrate the Fourth of July -- because on that date in 1776 the Declaration of Independence was adopted. But did you know that the declaration might never have been written if another document, drawn up and signed by many of the same men one year earlier, had ever reached its destination?

This little-known message, called "The Olive Branch Petition," was written in an effort to stop the trouble that had broken out in Lexington and Concord in April, 1775, and threatened to turn into a full-scale revolutionary war. Had it been received and acted upon by King George III, the United States might have become a self-governing dominion within the British Empire. It was never received by the king, mainly because an arrogant minor court official in London gave the American emissary the run-around. Otherwise, Americans might today be singing "God save the Queen."

The story begins in July of 1775. The Battle of Bunker Hill had just been fought, yet Americans had not set as yet their goal complete independence from Britain. When he took command of the American army in Cambridge, July 3, 1775, Washington still "abhorred the idea of independence." The businessmen of New York and Philadelphia were also against the continuation of hostilities. The Second Continental Congress, in session in Philadelphia, tried for reconciliation. The petition they framed asked George III to withdraw his troops, to repeal some of the laws the colonists found obnoxious and to provide the colonies with political and economic home rule within the British Empire. The petition was written by John Dickinson of Philadelphia. "It was signed by 49 members of the Congress. 'Your majesty will find your faithful subjects on this continent ready and willing at all times ... with their lives and fortunes to assert and maintain the rights and interests of your

majesty and of our mother country," they declared. The petition was entrusted to a distinguished messenger -- Richard Penn, grandson of William Penn, and a staunch loyalist. Further, Richard Penn was a man of notable charm and elegance of manners, who could be counted on -- it was assumed -- to make a good impression in court circles.

But the mission got off on the wrong foot. Penn arrived in London on August 14 -- to find the king in Scotland. Not even a threatening revolution could drive George III from the grouse-shooting season. Penn, taking up temporary residence in London, sought to have his petition forwarded.

It was at this point that the course of history was altered by an anonymous bureaucrat. All that is known about this man is that, according to the memoirs of a contemporary, he "took a violent dislike to the dapper young American," and so decided on his own not to inform the king of Penn's presence in London. So he emerges as the first European ever to say, "Yankee go home."

In August Congress dispatched a second copy of the petition. It never reached anyone at court. (Later it passed into private hands and in 1931 was sold to an American collector for \$53,000. Today it's in the New York Public Library. The first copy is in the Public Record Office in London.) August lengthened into September and while George III shot grouse in Scotland, events in the colonies moved beyond control. Hearing of a British force gathering in Canada, Congress authorized an expedition to head it off -- and an American invasion of Canada was on. And Washington's army of 14,000 men besieged the British force occupying Boston. When, in November, 1775, Penn succeeded in getting his petition into the hands of Lord Dartmouth, the king's secretary for the colonies, it was too late. John Adams, one of the petition's signers, hearing of the delay, exclaimed, "Our only recourse now is to the sword!"

He was right. No more conciliatory messages were framed in the colonies. In January Americans were reading Tom Paine's "Common Sense" -- which pointed straight to independence. By May Virginia was instructing its delegates to Congress to propose a Declaration of Independence. And in July 27 of the 49 signers of the Olive Branch Petition were pledging their "lives, fortunes and sacred honor" to the cause of American independence.

That, of course, is why Americans celebrate the Fourth of July. But if King George hadn't gone shooting and if the anonymous official who took a dislike to Richard Penn had a little more sense, they would probably be celebrating Queen Elizabeth's birthday instead.

## "Don't come home" Mintoff tells immigrants

By Joe Scicluna

VALETTA, (Germi) — The Maltese government has told its nationals living abroad who may have been thinking of returning to the island that for the next two years they should stay put and try to improve their lot in the countries to which they had emigrated.

It has also banned any who might return from registering for work at the Labour Office, main job finder for Maltese unemployed.

This is because of the extremely difficult period Dom Mintoff's government faces between now and March 31, 1979, when the seven-year agreement on the lease of military facilities to Britain and NATO comes to an end. When the lease runs out a source of revenue from the annual rent and the spending power of the British servicemen, in all amounting to nearly £28 million, will stop.

Although this money is considerable prop to the Maltese economy, Dom Mintoff has, time and again, made it clear that he would not renew the agreement. Malta, he says, must work its own way possibly with assistance from a nearby country which will guarantee its economy in return for Malta not aligning itself with any of the big powers.

One of the most important needs which must be fulfilled between now and "Malta's date with destiny", as Mintoff calls March 31, 1979, is the creation of 12,000 new jobs. It is difficult as it is to find jobs for Maltese living in Malta let alone for others who might wish to return home from migrant countries -- Australia, Canada, the United States and Britain.

The shock decision, certainly one of the most unpopular ever taken by a Maltese government, caused a rumpus in the Maltese Parliament and particularly in Australia. At home, the Nationalists, buoyed by the presence of their new leader, Dr. Edward Georch Adam, launched a bitter attack

## Econoscope By Jawad Ahmad

### Hold your memory in your pocket

It is said that an ancient Egyptian discovered that lotus leaves were an excellent writing medium. Jubilant over his discovery, he rushed to the Pharaoh to try to win his favour. The sage old king asked the discoverer if he had disclosed his finding to anybody. The answer came in the negative. To the stupefaction of the poor inventor, the Pharaoh had him killed.

It is said that the Pharaoh explained his action later by saying that the discovery would have destroyed one of the most illuminating sides of the mind, namely memory. Disseminating knowledge of writing and then publication would induce human beings to neglect memory, something the Pharaoh feared most.

This story came to my mind while I was thinking aloud of the effects of small calculators on the human mind. I am no expert when it comes to the human mind. Yet I know that it manifests itself in three ways: memory, inquisitiveness and observation. Calculators, accessible to students and other children may weaken their reliance on their memories. But would it strengthen the other aspects of their minds? Does the sensory law of compensation apply to the mind? I do not know, nor is it my task to do that here.

Yet it seems that calculators in this computer-ridden age are gradually imposing themselves as a fixed cost in education; also as a fixed cost in business where most white-collar employers are furnished with them.

True, the cost is coming within the means of most, but large electronic and other companies are finding it most lucrative. Who knows what the ultimate competition will lead to.

The thing which saddens me most is that in school I changed my mind about engineering because I could not pass a course on the slide rule. My teacher stressed speed first and accuracy second for grading students. Both measures are now easily met by the calculator.

The cost of buying a machine is easily compensated for by its speed and accuracy. The calculator must be taken as an example of the revolution taking place in the world of measurements. So, while the world is giving up its memory, to the dissatisfaction of our Pharaoh that mind is becoming more exact. But could anybody tell whether the loss of memory is equivalent to what is gained in exactness? Calculators may be exact machines, but the measurement of their marginal utility is still as inexact as can be.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian dailies Monday were concerned with the communique issued Sunday by the joint Jordanian-Syrian High Committee.

Al Ra'i mentioned that the joint Jordanian-Syrian High Committee ended its 7th round of talks which lasted three days in Amman. The communique resulting from the meeting lays the foundation for how relations should progress between Syria and Jordan.

The paper elaborated on the talks between the two countries which were primarily concerned with laying a foundation for the industrial, agricultural and communications fields. These topics were discussed in detail at a high level of specialization and with objectivity. The decisions made here will form the basis for any joint action by the two countries.

The paper continued that Arab nationalism is the hope expressed by every Arab when permitted. But the failures of such attempts create feelings of anti-nationalism and resignation which effect Arab potentialities. Any step towards integration or unification must be preceded by comprehensive organization in all fields followed later by political steps. Thus these steps can be regarded as an announcement of integration but not as a call for integrated measures at the top level without having a sound basis.

The paper said it applauds the works of the joint committee and hoped for that all those concerned in Syria and Jordan would participate in the joint build-up of the nation.

Al Sha'b said that the joint communique issued by the joint Jordanian-Syrian High Committee could be easily entitled a "serious and successful plan for work."

The paper commented that what is most important about the communique is that it concentrates on the long-range economic and social integration of Jordan and Syria and translates this integration into facts which can speak for themselves.

The paper said that the communique reflects the serious concern each country has for coordinating and supporting comprehensive steps in all fields of development, planning, industry and agriculture which are the basis for real economic progress.

The paper concluded that these steps represent true progress towards unifying the two countries. These steps also represent realistic measures that can transform the slogans of unity from theory into practice, which is what His Majesty and President Assad aimed at in the formation of the joint committee. The joint committee is a team for laying the sound and secure foundation for unity between Jordan and Syria.

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**Carter: Freedom is a living thing**

WASHINGTON, July 4 — President Carter has called on Americans to celebrate the Fourth of July -- the nation's Independence Day -- and face the future with "a renewed sense of optimism" and confidence in the strength of their beliefs.

The following is the full text of President Carter's message: "The Fourth of July is Americans' traditional day of celebration. It is a chance to remind ourselves of the heritage we share with each other and with the men of great spirit and wise vision who brought our nation into being 201 years ago today. "But July Fourth should also be a day of reflection. Freedom, the ideal which created our nation and continues to give it meaning throughout the world, has flourished in human history far more seldom than we would like to believe. "The work of freedom can never be finished, for freedom is not a temple that is completed when the last stone is in place, but a living thing that each generation must create anew. "In 1977 we must face this task -- for ourselves, and for the world -- with a renewed sense of optimism, confident in the strength of our own beliefs and in the signs that other nations share them."

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# Jordanian-Syrian committee to create industrial feasibility body

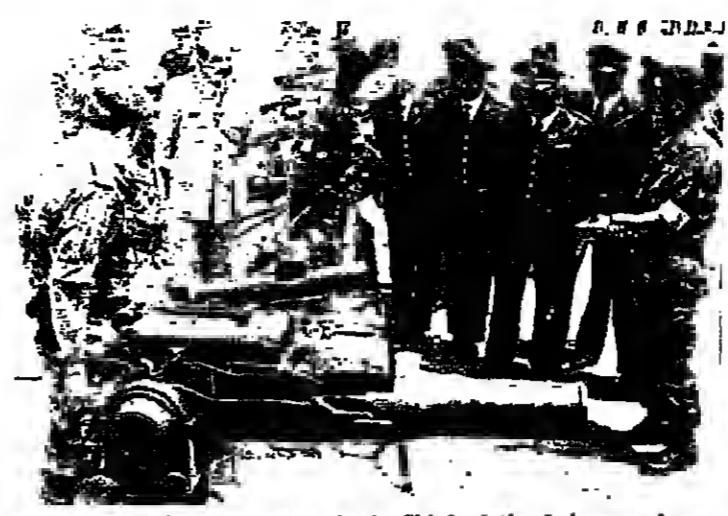
AMMAN (JNA). — A Jordanian body will be created to study out feasibility studies of development projects and to ways of encouraging capital to participate in development projects, according to a joint communiqué issued by the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee Sunday.

people in the two brotherly countries." Coordination in the agricultural field will consist of joint research work to help determine imports and exports of fruit and vegetables. The Committee for Industrial Coordination will work towards the complete integration of industrial plans, the communiqué stressed. Studies have already been carried out for the exchange of local industrial goods and spare parts. The communiqué also approved the unification of customs duties between Syria and Jordan, earlier completion of the Amman-Damascus microwave

project and more coordination in the telecommunications field. The Higher Committee also took decisions concerning trade, joint ventures, electricity, transit and overland transport, railways, telecommunications, education, the judiciary and tourism. The official Jordan News Agency gave no details. At the conclusion of the meeting Saturday night, the chairmen, Jordanian Premier Mudar Badran and his Syrian counterpart, Maj-Gen. Abdul Rahman Khleifawi, agreed to hold the next committee meeting in Damascus in the first half of October.

## KING HUSSEIN CABLES CARTER

AMMAN (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein has sent a cable of congratulations to President Jimmy Carter for the 201st anniversary of the United States' independence. The King told the American president: "The Independence Day of your great country remains a great symbol of human liberation and international equality and justice. The world awaits a new era of great achievements and universal contributions from the United States of America. We are convinced that your wisdom, courage and dedication to the cause of peace in the world will contribute significantly to the cause of lasting peace in the world and justice with peace in the Middle East."



Brig. Victor Khouri, Commander-in-Chief of the Lebanese Army, inspects military equipment during a visit to the Infantry School Sunday. (JNA photo).

## Lebanese army C-in-C meets security chief

AMMAN (JNA). — The Commander-in-Chief of the Lebanese Army, Brig. Victor Khouri, visited the Directorate of Public Security Monday and met its Director General, Maj-Gen. Ghazi Arabiyat. A senior officer explained the organization and development of the Armed Forces to the visiting delegation. Brig. Khouri and his accompanying delegation earlier visited the Infantry School and the Royal Military Academy, where they were briefed on their activities and watched training exercises by the Special Forces. Meanwhile on Sunday, Brig. Khouri met the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lt-Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker. The Commander-in-Chief decorated the Lebanese army head with the Order of Military Merit, First Class, and members of his accompanying delegation with other orders bestowed on them by His Majesty King Hussein. Brig. Khouri presented Lt-Gen. Sharif Zeid with the shield of the Lebanese army.

# Swiss delegation starts aid talks

AMMAN (JNA). — Discussions to bolster economic relations with Switzerland and look into the possibility of Swiss aid for development projects began at the National Planning Council Monday. The Swiss team, consisting of 16 members of the public and private sector, will consider aid for a number of projects, such as hotel building, improvement of public parks at tourist sites and the construction of a new railway line linking Amman and Zarqa to relieve traffic congestion, as well as projects already included in the five-year plan.

visited the Royal Scientific Society. Its Director General, Dr. Albert Butros, explained the institution's work. The Swiss delegation, which arrived here Sunday, will stay for six days. The two countries concluded an economic cooperation and technical agreement last year and another making reciprocal investments easier.

## Economic team leaves for EEC parley

AMMAN (JNA). — An economic delegation left here Sunday on a short visit to Belgium and Luxembourg to hold talks with European Economic Community and European Development Bank officials on the implementation of the economic agreement concluded with the EEC earlier this year. The delegation is led by the Secretary General of the National Planning Council, Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jabbar, and includes representatives of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Central Bank. An EEC delegation has already visited Jordan to hold preliminary talks with officials on finance for a number of development projects.

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## NATIONAL NOTES

\* AMMAN. — Saudi Arabia's ambassador here, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Sultan, left for his country Monday evening to make arrangements for His Majesty King Hussein's visit there Wednesday.

\* AMMAN. — The owner and Chief Editor of the Kuwaiti daily Al Siyassah, Mr. Ahmad Jarallah, left here Monday after a four-day visit to Jordan, during which he met with His Majesty King Hussein, Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh and a number of government and media officials.

\* AMMAN. — Jordan's Ambassador-designate to Romania, Mr. Ya'qoub Oweiss, presented a copy of his credentials to the Romanian foreign minister in Bucharest Monday.

\* AMMAN. — The General Secretariat of the Arab Tourism Union has decided to publish a special issue of the magazine Arab Tourism for King Hussein's silver jubilee. The issue will cover Jordan's development in the fields of tourism, media information and civil aviation over the past 25 years. The tourist and information ministries and Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, will contribute.

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# Dollar drops in Europe

PARIS, July 4 (R). — The United States dollar lost ground against the French franc on the Paris money market today.

Dealers blamed the decision by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to raise their oil prices by five per cent and also the continuing poor trend of the American economy.

The dollar fell to 4.9115/20 francs after opening at 4.9165/75. Last Friday it had closed at 4.9190/9200.

The West German mark, Japanese yen, Swiss franc and Dutch florin also firmed against the dollar in Paris.

The dollar opened the week at 266.70 yen, 0.35 yen lower

than Friday's close on the Tokyo money market.

In moderate early trading, the dollar moved between 266.65 and 266.90 yen, compared with Friday's central rate of 267.00 yen.

And in Frankfurt the U.S. dollar was fixed at its lowest rate for more than two years on the West German Foreign Exchange Market.

It was pegged at 2.3238 marks compared with 2.3392 marks at the end of last week. The decline follows a continued weakness against the Japanese yen.

Sterling was fixed at a six-month low of 3.999 marks compared with Friday's 4.023. Dealers said its drop was linked with that of the dollar.

## U.S. considers credits for Lebanon to rebuild its army

NEW YORK, July 4 (R). — The United States is considering providing Lebanon with up to \$100 million to help it rebuild its armed forces, shattered during the civil war, the New York Times said yesterday.

The Lebanese armed forces disintegrated during the civil war, with many men joining the various militia groups who fought for 19 months until the entry of a largely Syrian peace-keeping force last November.

The New York Times said Washington wanted to underline its support for the Lebanese government of President Elias Sarkis.

Discretion was necessary so as not to alarm pro-Israeli Congressmen who were worried that any military aid to Arab states might be used against the Jewish state, the New York Times said.

## Uganda, Tanzania agree to support East African Community services

NAIROBI, July 4 (R). — Uganda and Tanzania have agreed to finance the running of East African Community (EAC) services for the next three months, radio Uganda said yesterday.

Kenya had earlier announced its withdrawal from the community, and the new financial year began on July 1 with no funds voted for the EAC by the remaining two member states.

Radio Uganda, monitored here, said the financial plan was part of an agreement reached between the presidents of Uganda and Tanzania.

The radio said President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, current Chairman of the East African Authority, is to call the first meeting since 1970 of the group, which is the top policy-making body of the community.

Tanzania Vice President, Aboud Jumbe, flew to Uganda Saturday with a 15-man delegation to discuss the crisis of the community, founded in 1967 as an agency for cooperation in transport, communications and economic matters and other areas of common concern.

The Authority has not met for six years because President Nyerere refused to sit at

the same table with Ugandan President Idi Amin.

When Vice President Jumbe arrived in Uganda, President Amin told him Uganda would only agree to provide funds for the community if a meeting of the heads of state was called to try to solve its problems.

Kenya's attitude is that the community is now dead.

Yesterday's agreement, signed by Vice President Jumbe and Uganda's Vice President, General Mustafa Adrisi, said the two governments will provide funds for the running of community services up to September 30.

## ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

\* KUWAIT, July 4 (R). — Kuwait's total income for the fiscal year 1977-78 reached 22,272 billion Kuwaiti dinars (about \$5.5 billion) Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Abdul Aziz Hussein, said here yesterday. Speaking after a cabinet meeting which approved the budget, the minister said oil accounted for 96 per cent of the revenues. He added that this year's income was about 130 million Kuwaiti dinars (about \$360 million) more than in 1976-77.

\* TEHRAN, July 4 (R). — Bulgaria will import 600,000 tons of crude oil from Iran this year, a 50 per cent rise over last year, Bulgarian Ambassador Kiril Shterev told the official Pars News Agency today.

\* RIYADH, July 4 (AFP). — Saudi Arabia plans a new railroad several hundred miles long between this capital and the Red Sea, for which tender calls were issued over the weekend, an authoritative source said here today. Later this month, the Managing Director of Saudi Railways, Faisal Al Chamil, intends to visit Japanese, South Korean and Taiwanese rail officials and study their systems, the source said.

\* BELGRADE, July 4 (R). — Finance Ministry and central banks representatives from non-aligned countries will hold a conference in Tunisia from June 27 to 29 next year, it was announced here Saturday. The announcement followed a two-day meeting here by a six-nation committee set up to coordinate non-aligned and developing countries in matters of finance. The committee includes Cuba, Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, Peru and Yugoslavia.

\* LUSAKA, July 4 (R). — The Sunday Times of Zambia yesterday quoted Justice Minister Mainza Chona as saying the land-locked country is claiming almost \$1 billion in damages from eight major oil companies it has accused of conspiring to deprive it of oil supplies. According to the minister, Zambia's claim dated back to 1962, and a series of agreements negotiated then for the supply of oil to the defunct federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, of which pre-independence Zambia was part. In the letters, Zambia accused the companies of "conspiracies to unlawfully deprive Zambia of adequate supplies of petroleum."

## N. Yemen's Hamdi visits France

AMMAN, July 4 (R). — President Ibrahim Al Hamdi of North Yemen left Riyadh today for Paris to begin a three-day state visit to France, the radio reported.

President Hamdi, who arrived in the Saudi Arabian capital on Saturday, had talks on bilateral relation and possible Saudi aid to his country with King Khalid Ibn Abdul Aziz and Crown Prince Fahd.

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Following are official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian fils for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency.

Saudi riyal	82.5	83.0
Lebanese pound	107.5	108.0
Syrian pound	80.9	81.2
Iraqi dinar	940	948
Kuwaiti dinar	1137	1141
Egyptian pound	467	477
Libyan dinar	740	750
UAE dirham	83.5	84.5
U.K. sterling	569	575
U.S. dollar	330	332
German mark	140.3	140.7
French franc	67	67.3
Swiss franc	132.3	132.7
Italian lira (for every 100)	34.7	37.6

## Milton Friedman advises Israel on its economy

TEL AVIV, July 4 (R). — American economist Milton Friedman said yesterday he had agreed to a request by the new Israeli government to advise it on ways of fighting the country's economic difficulties.

Dr. Friedman, a Nobel Prize winner, who flew here for a week's visit, added that in no circumstances was he prepared to agree to any long term commitment. He was prepared to help by making short-term suggestions.

"Israel has sufficient good economists of its own not to need me," he told reporters.

"What is required is the will and the courage to do what has to be done when it has to be done."

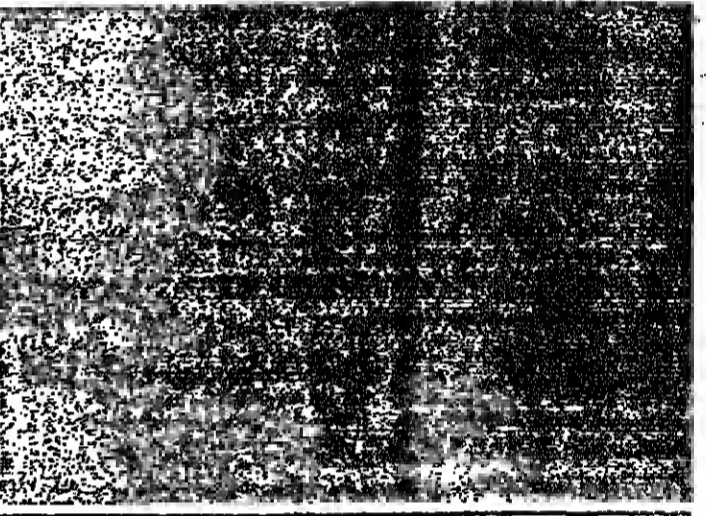
He suggested that Israel could curb its inflationary economy by restricting government spending and stopping the printing of money.

"Such measures would slow down the rate of inflation and would, of course, require a period of adjustment which, as a rule, brings with it an increase in unemployment. But I do not advocate unemployment as a measure. It is a result," he said.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Not Received

## WALL STREET REPORT



## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market rallied Monday in afternoon trading on news of the rise in the U.K. official reserves during June, dealers said.

Government stocks were around 1/8 easier on balance among long dated loans after falls ranging to 3/8, while shorter bonds were 1/16 either side of overnight levels. One or two selected longer loans were unchanged on the day with some small buying interest noted, dealers added.

Leading industrials came off the bottom with falls of several pence being reduced or erased, and a few shares edged slightly higher on balance. At 15:00 the F.T. index was down 2.0 at 4492. Oils also recovered in places and banks were a penny or so easier where changed.

Mining shares continued easier in line with the gold bullion price and Australians tended easier after being mixed.

Among leading industrials closing slightly higher on the day after earlier small falls were Courtauld and Dunlop while Fisons was firm against the trend all day and closed 9p firmer around 344p.

Unilever, Beecham, Bowater, Metal Box and Shell all recovered earlier falls of 2p to 4p while ICI was a penny down after 3p.

Price of gold closed in London Monday at \$140.55/oz.

## HORSE RACING RESULTS



### FIRST RACE

For local country horses beginners  
Distance : 1,000 metres

The first : FALHA  
Owner : Salameh Mnahi  
Time : 1.11 minute  
The second : BOROUK  
Owner : Odeh Kaisy  
The third : SIT EL KHAHL  
Owner : Rashid Odeh  
WIN : 200 fils — 750 fils  
TWIN : 400 fils — JD 2.5



### THIRD RACE

For beginner horses  
Distance : 1,000 metres

The first : SINDAH  
Owner : Sharifeh Nour Naser  
Time : 1.10,2 minute  
The second : EL NEES  
Owner : Saif Majali  
The third : KAYAD  
Owner : Sharifeh Nofah Naser  
Win : 200 fils — 350 fils  
TWIN : 400 fils — JD 3.5



### FIFTH RACE

For third class horses  
Distance : 1,400 metres

The first : WADI AMAL  
Owner : Ali A. Soukout  
Time : 1.39,1 minute  
The second : IZZ EL KHAHL  
Owner : H.H. Sharif Jamil Ibn Naser  
The third : EL HABBAB  
Owner : Tawfiq Ksous  
WIN : 200 fils — 800 fils  
TWIN : 400 fils — JD 1.1



### SECOND RACE

For beginner horses  
Distance : 1,400 metres

The first : HILDA  
Owner : Sami Yaqoub  
Time : 1.40,2 minute  
The second : KWAIES  
Owner : Tawfiq Ksous  
The third : RADDAD  
Owner : Saif Majali  
WIN : 200 fils — JD 1.1  
TWIN : 400 fils — JD 8



### FOURTH RACE

For third class horses  
Distance : 1,600 metres

The first : FAWAR  
Owner : Sami Yaqoub  
Time : 1.50,3 minute  
The second : EL TAMRI  
Owner : Bahjat Fanous  
The third : TULL  
Owner : Khalil Borqan  
WIN : 200 fils — JD 1.2  
TWIN : 400 fils — JD 3.1



### SIXTH RACE

For second class horses  
Distance : 1,400 metres

The first : SABIR AYYOUB  
Owner : Tawfiq Ksous  
Time : 1.37,4 minute  
The second : NAHLAWI  
Owner : Samer Farkouh  
The third : NASSAF  
Owner : Yousef Kittanih  
WIN : 200 fils — 600 fils  
TWIN : 400 fils — JD 8.2  
DOUBLE TOTE : 400 fils — JD 6.5.

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# Ethiopia deploys troops against Eritreans, insurgents

NAIROBI, July 4 (R). — Ethiopia has flown some 10,000 troops to combat Eritrean liberation fighters and several thousand more to eastern Ethiopia to fight allegedly Somali-backed insurgents, according to diplomatic sources in Addis Ababa.

The sources told reporters in the Ethiopian capital at the weekend that another Ethiopian force was poised for a two-pronged attack on the town of Tessenet near the Sudanese border, occupied by the anti-government Ethiopian Democratic Union (EDU).

An airlift of weapons and munitions from East Germany and Libya is continuing, according to airport sources.

At a giant camp outside Addis Ababa, more than 100,000 newly-raised militiamen, after two months of drilling and physical exercises, have now begun sessions of target practice, according to people working nearby.

The diplomatic sources said the new government campaign was not expected to be launched against the rebels in the northern province of Eritrea or against the Somali-backed insurgents until head of state Lt.-Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam returns from the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit in Gabon sometime this week.

Col. Mengistu has been deeply involved in the preparations and is expected to be equally involved in the conduct of the campaign, they said.

The 5,000 French troops in the newly-independent Republic of Djibouti, a small Red Sea coastal state sandwiched between Ethiopia and Somalia, were put briefly on alert during the weekend following reports of troop movements in the two neighbouring countries.

The task of the Ethiopian troops being flown and driven to eastern Ethiopia would be to dislodge Somali-backed insurgents from the Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway and to reopen roads to the besieged town of Harrar and Jijiga, observers in Addis Ababa said.

The railway has been closed for a month since the insurgents blew up several bridges. Italian repair crews with big armoured escorts are said to have been driven back by a hail of machinegun fire from the second bridge.

Twice in the past week reporters at Addis Ababa international airport have seen hundreds of Ethiopian regular troops climbing aboard three jetliners of the national airline. Piles of ammunition and other equipment stood just off the apron in front of the main air terminal.

Airport sources said 50 special flights have carried about 10,000 troops to Eritrea in the past three weeks. Most are from the newly-formed Seventh Division trained at Fiche, 160 kms. north of the capital.

Several thousand more have been flown to Dire Dawa, a large railway town close to the blown-up bridges.

The airport sources said that as well as regular flights with weapons cargoes from East Germany and Libya, occasional flights were also arriving from Israel. The Israeli aircraft landed straight into hangars after arriving and it was not known what they were carrying.

Close to the Sudanese border, American-built M-41 tanks have been driven to Humera town since it was recaptured last month with little resistance from forces of the Sudan-based, relatively rightwing EDU.

Troops have been flown to Humera airfield, and a temporary bridge has been erected to replace that over the Setit River in the town, blown up during the earlier fighting.

The other arm of the government advance on the key crossroads town of Tessenet, held by forces of the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF), is concentrated on Barentu, a town about 160 kms. east of Tessenet, often harassed by secessionists in the past.

Military observers said the government appeared to want to retake Tessenet so as to block a major all-weather supply route from Sudan during the coming three wet months.

Diplomatic sources said some units from the vast new People's Militia, which effectively trebles the military government's troop resources, have been seen leaving for a number of regions troubled by minor insurgencies. Big movements of the militiamen are expected after the regular army has retaken ground for them to hold.

Italy's Communists move a step closer to "historic compromise" with ruling Christian Democrats

ROME, July 4 (AFP). — The Italian Communist Party takes a new step toward joining the government when it signs an anti-crisis pact with the ruling Christian Democratic Party and four other parties late today.

Communist entry into the cabinet is still in the distant future. The six-party agreement is limited to combating economic troubles and terrorism.

There will be no reshuffle of the present cabinet, which is purely Christian Democratic. But signing today's pact breaks with the Christian Democrats' 30-year-old policy of keeping the Communists in the opposition.

The signing also confirms the communists' conversion to acceptance of democratic party pluralism. That conversion is the basis of Western "Euro-communism" but the Italian anti-crisis programme could be considered the first concrete test.

At least the Communists will be able to exploit their co-operation in the crisis programme as an example of moderation in party leader Enrico Berlinguer's policy of small steps.

His goal is a "government of democratic unity in which the Communists will be a part," he said. That is a broader wording of the "historical compromise" (with the Christian Democrats) that the Italian Communists have been obstinately offering since 1973 in the light of the failure of the leftist front in Chile.

The Christian Democrats do not minimize the danger of Communists getting into the cabinet. The ruling party says it has agreed to nothing more than moves to deal with a national crisis that they cannot cope with alone.

Mr. Berlinguer however says he regrets that his party has not been offered a share in the government.

After the signing of a six-party anti-crisis economic package last week, Mr. Berlinguer yesterday supported the contents of the agreement, which he hailed as "ending 30 years of discrimination against the Communist Party" and as "the start of a new political phase."

But he said the fact that the Communists had not, at the same time, been offered a share in a coalition government "is a contradiction which we cannot ignore."

Mr. Berlinguer bit out at Amintore Fanfani, Senate leader and hard-line Christian Democrat, who had called the economic agreement between the six "constitutional parties" a "collection of dreams".

The Communist secretary-general said Senator Fanfani "can only propose a return to the now non-existent centrist majority or new elections".

The conservative wing of the party led by Mr. Fanfani is ringing the alarm bell. They view the economic pact with the Communists as a way to gain time and recover their strength to cast Mr. Berlinguer out with the opposition as they did to the late Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti in 1947.

# Rhodesian government in strong position despite rift in ruling party

SALISBURY, July 4 (R). — Prime Minister Ian Smith does not plan to call an early general election despite the rift in his ruling Rhodesian Front Party, government sources said today.

Press speculation on a snap election had followed the shock resignation at the weekend of party chairman Des Frost, who is expected to join 12 rightwing members of parliament expelled from the party last month.

They had opposed Mr. Smith's race law reforms and his approach to a political settlement of his government's 11-year-old break-away from British colonial rule.

The sources said certain factors made an election impractical and unnecessary.

These included the current Anglo-American initiative for a negotiated settlement, which the sources said was still in its early stages and had yet to cover major issues.

The continuing war against black guerrillas was also an argument against an early election campaign, the sources said.

Despite the breakaway by 12 M.P.s and resignations from within the party itself, the government remained in a strong position, the sources said. It holds 38 seats in the 66-member House of Assembly, the others comprising the 12 dissenters and 16 black independents.

If a constitutional settlement became imminent, the government would need a two-thirds majority in parliament to pass the necessary legislation.

The government feels confident that in these circumstances it could count on the votes of the 16 black members in countering any opposition from the 12 dissident rightwingers, the sources said.

his," Mr. Smith said in an interview with the Rhodesia Herald.

Mr. Frost used his resignation announcement Saturday to make a personal attack on Mr. Smith. He said the prime minister was "tired and negative" and lacked leadership, planning and direction.

In his reply yesterday Mr. Smith said Mr. Frost had been an embarrassment to the party for some time and news of his resignation had come as a welcome relief.

Discussing Mr. Frost and the group of 12 rightwing dissidents who recently resigned from his parliamentary caucus, Mr. Smith said "the party will be much healthier once this malignant growth has been completely excised."

"With all these resignations, we have now managed to rid ourselves of a colossal amount of deceit which has surrounded us for some time and, accordingly, henceforth our dealings with the public should be more honest and straightforward," he added.

Mr. Frost has said he will not retire from politics, and as a leading parliamentary right-winger, he may now join forces with the rebels, who have formed a vociferous opposition group to the government.

Mr. Smith accused dissidents in the Rhodesia Front of "working to a tactical plan, drawing the whole sordid affair out as long as possible to win maximum publicity and psychological advantage for as long as possible."

The prime minister said Mr. Frost was accused at the party congress in Umtali last year "of conniving with the 12 dissidents while retaining his position as party chairman. This he denied with a straight face -- however, this act of his clearly puts the record straight."

Mr. Smith said there were at least 12 more Rhodesian Front members up to the rank of divisional chairmen, who should have left the party by now "if they were honest."

Mr. Frost's resignation was the second from the Rhodesian Front's parliamentary caucus in two days on Friday former Information Minister Wickus de Kock resigned from parliament and announced he was leaving Rhodesia to farm in South Africa.

Mr. de Kock did not give his reasons for resigning, but it is understood that he does not want to live under a black government in Rhodesia.

# Iraq, Kuwait will withdraw forces from disputed borders

BAGHDAD, July 4 (R). — Kuwait and Iraq have agreed to withdraw their forces from disputed border regions where limited armed clashes have occurred in the past, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

It quoted Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah, Kuwaiti Interior and Defence Minister, as saying this had been decided during a week's official talks he held here.

Sheikh Saad was quoted as telling reporters before leaving for home last night that his talks with Iraqi leaders had been frank and brotherly.

The two sides agreed to form a joint ministerial committee to follow up the discussions aimed at developing bilateral relations, the Kuwaiti minister said.

They also decided to form a committee made up of the two countries' interior ministry officials to look after "daily problems which may arise on the border," he added.

The long-standing dispute over border delineation has led to limited armed clashes between the two countries.

While here, Sheikh Saad conveyed a message from the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al Salim Al Sabah, to Iraqi President Ahmad Hassan Al Bakr.

The Iraqi president accepted the Emir's invitation to visit Kuwait at a date still to be fixed.

A similar invitation from Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister, was conveyed to Mr. Saddam Hussein Takriti Vice Chairman of the ruling Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council.

Sheikh Saad also conferred with Iraqi Interior Minister Izzat Ibrahim, who visited Kuwait earlier this year.

# Soviet Union softens stand on Euro-communism

MOSCOW, July 4 (R). — The Soviet Union signaled yesterday it was keen to avoid a public dispute with West European communist parties on the issue of Euro-communism and was ready to acknowledge their desire to pursue independent policies.

At the same time it voiced a warning that the search for a programme answering national interests should not merge with "rightwing opportunism and submission to pressure from the class enemy."

The twin messages were issued in a communique by the Soviet party leaders and in a survey of East European press comment on the anniversary of the 1976 European communist conference in Berlin.

The Italian delegation came to Moscow amid a furore aroused by a sweeping Russian denunciation of Spanish Party chief Santiago Carrillo for his recent book Eurocommunism and the State, in which he was strongly critical of Soviet internal policies.

Euro-communism is a liberalised brand of Marxism-Leninism advocated by the communist parties of Italy, Spain and France.

Sources close to the delegation, which returned home Saturday night, said they felt the Soviet leaders had miscalculated the likely reaction among other parties to the attack on Senator Carrillo and were anxious not to exacerbate the situation.

They said confirmation of this came in the communique, published in Sunday's edition of the Soviet party organ Pravda, which was drafted by the Russians and included a key phrase expressing the Italian view on national roads to communism.

"The opinion was expressed," the communique declared, "that the contribution of each party to the common international cause is inseparably linked to its independent search for an elaboration of its own policy."

At the same time Pravda also published a report from Prague quoting the Czechoslovak party newspaper Rude Pravo as saying -- in an apparent reference to Senator Carrillo's programme -- that the Berlin conference had rejected any policy that meant "subjection of the working class to the capitalist system."

# Haaretz advises Begin to be more realistic

TEL AVIV, July 4 (R). — The independent Israeli paper Haaretz said yesterday that Prime Minister Menachem Begin should take political realities into consideration before establishing new Israeli settlements on the occupied West Bank.

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon said Saturday that a plan had been drawn up by the rightwing Likud bloc, which won the general elections last May, to set up five urban settlements in the area, captured from Jordan in the 1967 war.

Mr. Sharon, who heads the ministerial committee for settlement, said that according to the plan, which had not yet been brought before the government for approval, 150,000 Israelis would settle in the proposed sites.

Haaretz said: "Mr. Begin has apparently taken note of friendly warnings that it would be unwise to establish new facts in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank)."

"It is to be hoped that he will be prepared to adapt his ideological convictions to political realities," the paper said.

On the proposed settlements, Haaretz said: "This plan, based in part of ideas discussed even before the elections (by the defeated Labour cabinet), expanded to such an extent that they amount to an entirely new scheme."

"Apparently the initiators feel that the time has now come to make up for delays in Jewish settlement of the West Bank for which the previous government was responsible."

"Even if the government has not adopted the plan, it reflects a significant political trend," Haaretz concluded.

# Paris denies Brezhnev was incapacitated

PARIS, July 4 (R). — France today formally denied an American newspaper report that the Soviet leader, Mr. Leonid Brezhnev, 70, was too old and sick to negotiate with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing during a visit here two weeks ago.

M. Andre Arnaud, official spokesman for M. Giscard d'Estaing, formally denied the report in the Washington Post which was attributed to French government sources.

M. Arnaud said he was very surprised that statements other than those made at the time of Mr. Brezhnev's visit had been attributed to official French sources.

The Washington Post last Saturday quoted the sources as saying Mr. Brezhnev had been in no condition for talks with the French president.

The Post added that French officials doubted whether Mr. Brezhnev would be able to hold serious negotiations with President Carter because of ill health and age.

# Assassins of Haiti envoy in Brazil confess

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 4 (R). — Two gunmen who shot dead Haiti's ambassador in Brazil told police they were hired as paid assassins by the first secretary at the embassy.

But the First Secretary, M. Louis Robert Mackenzie, was quoted by the Jornal do Brasil news agency last night as saying he knew neither of the killers. He also denied any involvement in the murder.

Police said the ambassador, M. Delorme Mehu, was shot in the back as he left a beachside hotel bar in the north-east Brazilian city of Salvador yesterday.

The two gunmen -- Gerlado Pereira dos Anjos and Israel Motta da Silva -- were arrested at the scene of the shooting. Police said Motta da Silva worked for M. Mackenzie.

They said the gunmen told them they were promised 50,000 cruzeiros (about \$3,500) for the job but only received 1,600 cruzeiros (about \$110) to pay for the trip to Salvador.

M. Mehu took up his Brazilian post last year after serving in Madrid, Washington and London.

# Irate man ploughs car into Klu Klux Klan rally

AMERICUS, Georgia, July 4 (R). — Police yesterday slapped 19 charges on a white man accused of ramming his Jaguar sports car into a crowd of spectators at a Ku Klux Klan rally in President Carter's hometown of Plains Saturday night.

Buddy Cochran was charged with 18 counts of aggravated assault when he appeared before a justice of the peace and police said he was being held in lieu of \$119,000 bail.

Twenty-nine people were injured when Cochran drove his E-type Jaguar through the speaker's platform at the rally, scattering white-robed klansmen and a crowd of 250 spectators. Most of them were suffering from broken bones or cuts and lacerations.

A spokesman in the Sumter County sheriff's office said today that Cochran was legally drunk at the time, registering 0.12 on an alcohol level test in which 0.10 is the level for drunkenness. He said another charge might be laid covering this.

"The motive he gave was that their talking made him mad," a deputy sheriff added, but did not elaborate.

One member of the white supremacist Klan told reporters after the incident that he had heard Cochran say he objected to racial slurs and was going to "do a number on these folks," then revved his engine and ploughed into the crowd.

He was rescued from the angry crowd when his car came to rest 15 metres past the shattered platform. There were yells of "nigger" and "kill him" before police whisked him off to jail in Americus.

# Israel dismisses Sunday Times evidence of torture

LONDON, July 4 (R). — The Israeli embassy in London in a statement issued this week-end emphatically denied the conclusions of a detailed documentary report by the Sunday Times newspaper that Israel systematically ill-treated and tortured imprisoned Arabs.

The statement, carried across half a page in this week's Sunday Times, said careful reading of the June 19 article made it apparent there was "no evidence whatsoever" of the actual use of torture.

The report consisted of a detailed four-page documentary by the newspaper's Insight team.

In its reply, the Israeli embassy expressed regret that the Sunday Times did not ask for Israel's reactions to statements in the article before publishing it.

It said that although the journalists had been working on the story for more than five months, no attempt had been made to verify the stories from "authoritative Israeli sources."

"It is striking that there is not a single interview with an Israeli judge, nor with a member of the Israeli bar other than the two hostile lawyers who apparently inspired the article," the statement added.

"There is not a single attempt at verification with members of the prison service," it went on.

"Israel police and security have every reason to refrain from use of force," the embassy statement said.

"Such use of force is a criminal offence, and where cases of police brutality have been found in the past, police officers have been prosecuted, and it is Israel's policy to do so in the future," the statement claimed.

# Vladimir Nabokov, the spiky and controversial author of Lolita, passes away at the age of 78

MONTREUX, Switzerland, July 4 (R). — Vladimir Nabokov, the Russian-born novelist who has died at the age of 78, was a brilliant master of many cultures who thrived on controversies like that set off by his world best-seller, Lolita.

But his loves ranged well beyond literature and into areas ranging from chess to butterflies -- and he was credited with discovering a dozen new varieties of butterfly.

He also attacked widely-cherished intellectual fashions, proving himself on many occasions a skilled practitioner of barbed polemic.

Lolita, about the passion of a middle-aged intellectual for a 12-year-old girl, was published in 1955 and swiftly brought Nabokov notoriety as well as fame.

It was praised by some as a masterpiece and denounced by others as "highbrow pornography".

It was banned in many countries but was eventually recognised as a classic work of satire, with much to say about love and the problems of modern American society.

Vladimir Nabokov was born in St. Petersburg, now Leningrad, the son of a wealthy lawyer and politician.

the principal scourges of the century -- communism and Freudianism.

Despite his reputation as a spiky controversialist, he portrayed himself as "a mild old gentleman -- I'm very kind."

In his later years, Nabokov moved with his Russian-born wife to a lakeside luxury hotel in Montreux. His novels include Laughter in the Dark (1938) and recently Pnia.

Kumber Humbert, the middle-aged connoisseur of " nymphets" -- or young girls -- in Lolita, has become a central figure of 20th-century sexual mythology, although the New York Times first dismissed the book as "dull in a pretentious, florid and archly fatuous fashion." Graham Greene called Lolita a masterpiece.

Nabokov's work drips with scabbing reference to Freud and modern psychiatry.

"I reject completely the vulgar, shabby, fundamentally medieval world of Freud, with its crankish quest for sexual symbols and its bitter little embryos spying from their natural nooks upon the love life of their parents."

His hatred for communism extended into a disdain for politicians generally.

"Portraits of the head of government should not exceed a postage stamp in size," he wrote.

ing crossword puzzles for an English newspaper.

He took a degree at Cambridge University in England, then began to pour out writings in Russian together with translations of classic English writers.

It was only in 1941 that he published his first novel in English -- The Invitation of a Seaman. By that time he had become a lecturer in Slavic languages at Stanford University, California.

In 1942 his interest in lepidoptology -- the study of butterflies and moths -- led to his appointment as a research fellow in comparative zoology at Harvard University.

In 1948, now an American citizen, he went to Cornell University in New York State as a professor of Russian and European literature.

Despite more fiction and an autobiography in English, he remained relatively obscure until 1955 and Lolita.

First published in Paris, the book was initially turned down by four American publishers and caused parliamentary debate in Britain.

But its ultimate success set him financially free to write fulltime and more novels, such as Pale Fire, followed, along with attacks by the novelist; on the doctrines he considered

# WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

\* BEIRUT, July 4 (AFP). — The Palestine Liberation Organisation this weekend for the first time reported the existence of a Palestinian artillery battalion. The PLO press agency Wafa said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat presided in southern Lebanon Saturday at the commissioning of an artillery battalion which later staged "exercises with live ammunition." The agency also reported the commissioning of a battalion of tank drivers.

\* JOHANNESBURG, July 4 (R). — Police fired teargas to disperse crowds of stone-throwing students in Soweto yesterday after the funeral of a black girl killed by police bullets in the township last week. Soweto police chief Brig. Jan Visser said teargas was used in two areas of Soweto yesterday. It was the second day running that police used riot measures to control students after funerals in the sprawling black township.

\* KROH (Thailand-Malaysia border), July 4 (AFP). — Thai and Malaysian air force bombed and strafed suspected Communist jungle hideouts, as thousands of troops launched a massive joint military operation against the guerrillas in the Betong Salient in south Thailand today. The operation, the biggest in the current series, is aimed at destroying the sanctuaries of about 3,000 Communists lurking in the densely jungled Betong area, only nine miles from this Malaysian forward base.

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